

# What's New in the MPDC

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## MAYOR OUTLINES PLANS TO ENHANCE NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE RESOURCES

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While details of the plan are expected to be released shortly, Mayor Williams this past week outlined some of the steps the MPDC is taking to boost neighborhood police patrols. Speaking at his weekly media briefing, the Mayor said the plan has several components, including hiring more sworn officers and offering incentives to keep officers on the force who are eligible to retire. He said the MPDC has already begun reassigning full-duty officers performing administrative tasks to operational assignments in the community. The administrative jobs are being filled by limited-duty officers in the short term, with the long-term goal of hiring civilian members for many positions. In addition, the MPDC has already begun eliminating specialized units within the seven police districts (warrants, traffic control, curfew enforcement, etc.) and moving officers previously assigned to those units into the Police Service Areas (PSAs). Expanding the Reserve Corps, establishing more bicycle and foot patrols, and reducing the number of officers who are unavailable for duty are among other steps planned to enhance officer visibility. The Mayor's comments, from his January 9 Weekly Media Briefing, will be aired on DC Cable 16. For a schedule of Channel 16 programming, click on:

*As part of its stepped-up recruiting campaign, the MPDC this past week participated in the regional "Workforce Recovery Conference," where hundreds of potential applicants visited the MPDC booth. If your community organization is interested in a presentation on career opportunities in the MPDC, contact the Office of Recruiting at 202-727-2767 or via e-mail at [mpd-recruit@mpdc.org](mailto:mpd-recruit@mpdc.org).*

[octx.dc.gov/services/channell6/index\\_new.shtm](http://octx.dc.gov/services/channell6/index_new.shtm)

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE ASIAN LIAISON UNIT

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*One of the ALU's key responsibilities is to investigate reported hate crimes against members of DC's Asian communities. For more information about hate crimes in DC, go to:*

[mpdc.dc.gov/info/other/hatecrimes.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/other/hatecrimes.shtm)

As DC's population continues to grow and diversify, the city's Asian community is among the fastest growing. To meet the challenge of policing in this expanding and increasingly diverse community, the MPDC's Asian Liaison Unit was established in 1996 to act as a conduit between the Police Department and Asians living in Washington, DC area. Organizationally part of the First Police District, the ALU is a citywide unit led by Sergeant Kenny Temsupasiri, with five officers. The members of the ALU, sworn and civilian, speak Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Thai. The unit is located at 611 H Street, NW, in the heart of Chinatown. To learn more about the services of the Asian Liaison Unit, visit its new Web page at:

[mpdc.dc.gov/about/units/alu.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/units/alu.shtm)

## UPCOMING: MPDC VEHICLE AUCTION

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On Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the MPDC will sell at public auction approximately 50 forfeited vehicles at its Blue Plains Impoundment Lot in Southwest. The lot will open at 8 am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for inspection of vehicles; the auction will begin promptly at 9 am and last until all of the vehicles have been sold. Get more details about the vehicle auction, including the terms of sale, by visiting:

[mpdc.dc.gov](http://mpdc.dc.gov) (Click on News Room; December 17, 2001 News Release)

## **“RE-ENTRY SUNDAY” SEEKS TO HELP EX-OFFENDERS MAKE THE TRANSITION BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

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Over the next few years, the number of offenders leaving prison and returning to the community will increase sharply – 2,500 in the next year alone in DC. To help these ex-offenders make a smooth and crime-free transition back to the community, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency is joining with Mayor Williams, the MPDC, other District officials and the faith community in launching the first “Re-Entry Sunday” on January 13<sup>th</sup>. On that date, religious institutions across the city will encourage their congregations to get involved in mentoring and other assistance to men and women being released from prison. The “Re-Entry Sunday” effort will be followed up by mentor orientation meetings for individuals interested in making a difference. Get additional details about this initiative by going to:

[mpdc.dc.gov/info/comm/re\\_entry\\_csosa.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/comm/re_entry_csosa.shtm)

## **LEARN ABOUT CHILD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY AT NBC4 HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO**

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For the ninth year in a row, WRC-TV (NBC4) is hosting a Health & Fitness Expo next weekend, January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Washington Convention Center. And once again, the MPDC will be on hand to distribute safety information and answer questions. Stop by Booth 300 to receive child safety information from the MPDC’s Youth and Preventive Services Division. In addition, police traffic safety experts will be on hand to discuss the problems of drunk driving, speeding and other forms of aggressive driving – problems that threaten both public safety and public health. The Expo is free, and includes hundreds of health, safety, sports and fitness exhibits. The doors are open both days from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information about the Expo, visit the NBC4 Website at:

[www.nbc4.com](http://www.nbc4.com)

## **NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING DC GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE FOR CAFRITZ AWARDS**

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The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation announces its Annual Awards for Distinguished DC Government Employees. The awards recognize outstanding workers in the DC Government whose performance exemplifies the best in public service. This year, the Foundation is encouraging community groups and individual citizens to nominate employees with at least five years of continuous service for the 2002 awards. Nominations will be accepted during February and March. Five winners will be selected and honored at a gala later in the year. Additional information is available on the DC Agenda Website at:

[www.dcagenda.org/pages/award/award.html](http://www.dcagenda.org/pages/award/award.html)

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